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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND NATO: SPANISH ACCESS TO NATO SUPPLY
CODIFICATION SYSTEM

REFS: NATO 5793, MADRID 8057, NATO 5749, NATO 2005

1. THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS FORMALLY
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REQUESTED THAT THE USG "SPONSOR" AT NATO SPAIN'S
"ADHESION" TO THE NATO SYSTEM FOR CODIFICATION OF SUPPLIES.

2. ACCESS TO THIS SYSTEM IS BY DIRECT SPONSORSHIP BY
MEMBER COUNTRIES. NO ALLIANCE DECISION IS REQUIRED AND
NO POLITICAL APPROVAL BY OTHER ALLIES IS NEEDED.
THUS WE FEEL THAT US SPONSORSHIP OF SPANISH ACCESS OFFERS
US A CHANCE TO MAKE THE ALLIES MORE FAMILIAR AND

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COMFORTABLE WITH SPANISH PARTICIPATION ON THE FRINGE OF THE ALLIANCE. THERE IS LITTLE RISK OF REBUFF TO THE SPANISH. MANY OUT OF AREA COUNTRIES, IN FACT, PARTICIPATE IN THIS SYSTEM, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, ARGENTINA, ISRAEL, AND JAPAN.

3. USNATO AND MADRID ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION IN SUPPORT OF SPANISH PARTICIPATION:

FOR MADRID:

EMBASSY SHOULD ASK THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO APPOINT A POINT OF CONTACT IN THE LOGISTICS ORGANIZATION THAT IS RESPONSI0LE FOR THEIR CODIFICATION ACTIVITY AND ADVISE US CONCERNING PROPOSED TIMING AND ARRANGEMENT FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS AND CONTACTS.

FOR USNATO:

MISSION SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR U.S. SPONSORSHIP AND APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION TO OTHER NATO NATIONS. YOU SHOULD ALSO ASSEMBLE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO THE NATO CODIFICATION SYSTEM IN PREPARATION FOR FURNIS;ING THIS TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT BY A CHANNEL OF THEIR CHOICE.

(FYI: THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATO CODIFICA-
TION PANEL WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPANISH
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PARTICIPATION DURING THE SPRING MEETING IN BRUSSELS.)

4. TEXT OF SPANISH NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)

THE EMBASSY OF SPAIN PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO SPONSOR WITH THE COMPETENT NATO AUTHORITIES THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST, MADE FORMALLY BY THIS NOTE, FOR SPAIN'S ADHESION TO THE NATO SYSTEM OF CODIFICATION OF MATERIAL.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AT A MEETING HELD LAST NOVEMBER AT THE SPANISH EMBASSY AT BRUSSELS WITH A REPRE-
SENTATIVE OF THE NATO CODIFICATION SECTION, ACCOMPANIED BY A MEM3ER OF THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT MISSION TO NATO AND ANOTHER FROM THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL CODIFICATION

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OFFICE, THE SAID UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED
THEIR GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR SPAIN BILATERALLY
TO ACCEDE TO THE CODIFICATION SYSTEM AND THE PERTINENT
INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION, CLASSIFICATION, AND
NUMERATION. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

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